में भारत सरकार के मंत्रालयों और विभागों के सभी कार्यों को समन्वित करने के लिए रेल मंत्री को उनके कार्य में सहायता करने के लिए एक परामर्शदात्री समिति गठित की गयी है ।

समिति के सदस्य निम्नलिखित हैं:--

(1) श्री गुरेन्द्र मोहन

(2) श्री गुलाम रसूल कार

(3) श्री केदार नाथ साहनी

(4) श्री सफीउद्दीन चौधरी

(5) श्री एम० फारुकी और

(6) श्री पी० एल० हांडू

समिति एक परामर्शदात्री निकाय है और इसकी सिफारिशों पर भारत सरकार के संबंधित मंत्रालयों द्वारा विधिवत रूप से विचार किया जाता है ।

SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Sir, the answer should be taken as read. There is no time. I want to put my supplementary.

Sir, I want to express my dissatisfaction over the reply. The Minister has said: "No such Committee has been constituted. However, an Advisory Committee to assist the Minister of Railways in discharge of his duties of coordinating all the actions of the Ministries and Departments of Government of India with respect to matters relating to the State of Jammu and Kashmir has been set up".

The Minister for J&K Affairs was appointed by a Presidential Order. Now the Minister in his reply has stated. . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Autonomous Corporations for AIR and Doordarshan

*204. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to make AIR and Doordarshan autonomous Corporations;

(b) whether Government have initiated any public debate on this issue; if so, since when and in what manner;

(c) whether any talks have also been held with the employees of these two media on this issue; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After the Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 29th December, 1989, a national debate on the Prasar Bharati Bill was initiated. Letters were addressed to all State Governments and Union Territories, Bar Associations of Supreme Court and all High Courts, Universities, Members of Programme Advisory Committee of All India Radio and Doordarshan, all recognised Unions and Associations of Employees of All India Radio and Doordarshan, National and State Political Parties, Associations of Chambers of Commerce, Medical Associations, Listeners and Viewers Clubs, Newspapers Editors and Journalists etc. asking them to send their views on the Prasar Bharati Bill. Advertisement was placed in all major language News papers in the country inviting suggestions from the general public. All Stations of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras have produced programmes on the Bill. Seminars and discussions on the Prasar Bharati Bill have been held all

over India and Government extended financial support to some Institutions of repute for conducting such seminars.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Freedom Fighters' pension cases

*205. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of cases of freedom fighters' pension pending as on 31st March, 1990;

(b) what was the number of such pending cases from Maharashtra;

(c) what are the main reasons for the delay in granting pensions to freedom fighters; and

(d) what steps are being taken to expedite the clearance of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) Out of the applications received by the Ministry of Home Affairs by the due dates, only 284 cases of freedom fighters' pension were pending on 31-3-1990.

(b) The number of cases from Maharashtra was 12.

(c) and (d) In 254 cases, the recommendations of the Non-Official Screening Committee, constituted to scrutinise applications received from the participants of Arya Samaj Movement, 1938-39 were received only recently. In the remaining 30 cases, clarifications from the State Governments concerned are awaited. They are being reminded regularly.

Construction of a T.V. studio at Bhubaneswar

*206. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been inordinate delay in the construction of a T.V. Studio at Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to expedite the construction of that T.V. Studio; and

(d) by when it is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (d) There has been some delay in establishment of the T.V. Studio Centre at Bhubaneswar caused initially by the need to reinvite tenders in respect of execution of civil works and later because of the inadequate availability of cement. Nevertheless, the project is now in its final stage of completion. Work of airconditioning has been awarded. Orders for the Studio equipment have been placed and supply of part equipment already received at site. Whereas efforts are on to operationalise the Studio Centre with limited facilities during the current financial year, the project is expected to become fully operational during 1991-92.

Pak infiltrators hand in Gujarat riots

*207. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistani infiltrators had a hand in the recent in Gujarat; and

(b) what was the number of persons who have been arrested under Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act from 1st January, 1990 till 15th April, 1990 in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Investigations in the recent incidents of communal violance in the State of Gujarat have not